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***Legislation Co-Sponsored by Congressman Carnahan Encourages Consumers to Trade-In Vehicles for More Efficient Models***

(WASHINGTON) - Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) voted for 'Cash for Clunkers' legislation to incentivize Americans to trade-in their current vehicles with a combined fuel economy of 18 miles per gallon or less for newer, more fuel-efficient vehicles. The legislation sponsored by Congresswoman Betty Sutton (OH-13) and co-sponsored by Congressman Carnahan passed the U.S. House of Representatives today.

The Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Act (H.R. 2751) directs the Secretary of Transportation to offer vouchers up to \$4,500 to offset the purchase or lease price of new fuel efficient vehicles.

**"I am hopeful the Senate will pass and the President will sign similar legislation to incentivize consumers to trade-in their gas guzzlers for more fuel-efficient vehicles,"** said Congressman Carnahan.

**"As the U.S. auto industry struggles to survive I encourage every American to make their next car purchase an American-made car."**

To receive a voucher of \$3,500, consumers must purchase a new car that gets at least four more miles per gallon. To receive a voucher for \$4,500, the new car must have a mileage rating at least 10 mpg higher.

**"Today's action by the House is encouraging to help the U.S. get on the path toward a new-energy economy by upgrading to more fuel-efficient vehicles that can and should be manufactured right here in the U.S. as well as reduce our dependence on foreign oil,"** said Carnahan.

The measure passed today is supported by President Barack Obama, the Big Three, unions (AFL-CIO and UAW), car dealers, and business groups (NAM and Chamber of Commerce). Germany, France, and the United Kingdom have enacted similar programs in recent months. In Germany, the measure boosted car and truck sales by more than 20%.

*Congresswoman Carnahan serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and has been pushing for 'cash for clunkers' since March of this year when he joined Congresswoman Sutton in co-sponsoring H.R. 1550.*

Summary of Cash for Clunkers

Passenger Car

Light-Duty Truck

Large Light-Duty Truck

(6,000 - 8,500 pounds)

Work Truck

(8,500 - 10,000 pounds)

*Minimum Fuel Economy for New Vehicle*

22 mpg

(EPA combined)

18 mpg

(EPA combined)

15 mpg

(EPA combined)

**\$3,500 Voucher**

Mileage improvement of at least 4 mpg

Mileage improvement of at least 2 mpg

Mileage improvement of at least 1 mpg or trade-in of a Work Truck.

Trade-in must be at least pre-2002

**\$4,500 Voucher**

Mileage improvement of at least 10 mpg

Mileage improvement of at least 5 mpg

Mileage improvement of at least 2 mpg

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